

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2009 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, 10-15 and 17-22 remain in this application, where claims 9 and 16 had been previously canceled without prejudice and claims 16-22 have been currently added. Claims 1 and 10 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-15 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as for better form including beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', and changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--. Such amendments to claims 1-8 and 10-15 were not made in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-8 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,006,129 (McClure) in view of U.S. Patent Application

Publication No. 2002/0003571 (Schofield), U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0053690 (Trifonov) and DE 29612536U1 (Li). Further, claims 2 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over McClure in view of Schofield, Li, Trifonov and Korean Publication KR 2002-0033816 having a counterpart of U.S. Patent No. 7,266,219 (Okamoto). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-8, 10-15 and 17-22 are patentable over McClure, Schofield, Trifonov, Li and Okamoto for at least the following reasons.

McClure is directed to a rear-view display system for vehicle with obstructed rear view. A camera is disposed near the rear of the vehicle, and a display is provided in the form of a rear-view mirror. The display displays a video image acquired by the camera. A position sensor is coupled to the display, and a servo system is coupled to the camera. The servo system directs the camera in both horizontal and vertical directions based upon information obtained from the position sensor.

Schofield is directed to a vehicular video mirror system includes an interior rearview mirror assembly and a video display assembly. As described in paragraph [0010], a video screen 26 is

incorporated as part of the rear-view mirror shown in FIG 2, for example. Various information are displayed on the display such as a hazard warning, status of inflation of tires, weather information, time and traffic information, and further information as listed in paragraph [0010] of Schofield, for example.

Trifonov is directed to automatic contrast enhancement, and Li shows in FIG 6 a display showing three images. Okamoto is directed to a monitoring system where a driver can view images that include a tire of a vehicle.

It is respectfully submitted that McClure, Schofield, Trifonov, Li, Okamoto, and combinations thereof, do not disclose or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 10 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

processor arranged to display images one after the other on the display.


This feature is nowhere disclosed or suggested in McClure, Schofield, Trifonov, Li, Okamoto, and combinations thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1 and 10 should be allowable. In additions, claims 2-8, 11-15 and

17-22 should be allowable at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 10, as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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